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**DATE:** June 22, 2012

**TO:** Congressman Brad Sherman  
Washington, DC

**FROM:** Robert Berman  
Chairman & Chief Financial Officer  
Roplast Industries, Inc.

**RE:** H.R.4822 , H.R.4823 , and H.R.4824  
Reduction in tariffs on imported reusable bags manufactured in China

Dear Congressman Sherman,

We are writing this letter in objection to the proposed legislation that would reduce the tariffs on reusable bags imported from China. Roplast Industries, Inc. is a California based manufacturer of reusable grocery and general merchandise polyethylene bags. Reusable bags make up over 50% of our gross sales as a company and is our fastest growing product segment. It appears that the intent of these bills is to allow Chinese manufacturers to compete more effectively against US manufacturers, possibly under the assumption that there is a shortage of reusable bags made in the US. There is no shortage of US manufactured reusable polyethylene bags. This legislation would not only impact negatively on our business but on the many other US manufacturers of reusable bags, risking US manufacturing jobs at a time when we would expect Congress to be assisting US manufacturers, not working against us. Not only would this legislation hurt US reusable bag manufacturers, but it would also hurt our supply chain, including the US producers of polyethylene resin, made primarily from natural gas, whereas imports use Asian or Middle East resins derived from crude oil.

Our reusable bags are constructed in accordance with California Toxins in Packaging Prevention Act, absent of any heavy metals and are manufactured with the highest levels of post consumer resin in the Industry. The use of Post Consumer Resin helps support US recycling programs in an effort to reduce virgin polyethylene production and divert plastic waste from landfills.

Furthermore, our custom reusable bags are designed to meet the criteria of all proposed and enacted state and city bag regulations. Our bags remain 100% recyclable (unlike most reusable bags imported from China) and having the bags sourced within the US for US Stores greatly minimizes the fossil fuels used in transporting this product from overseas. Chinese polyethylene bag producers commonly work under lower environmental regulations with regard to post consumer resin, reprocessing and heavy metals. Being manufactured under strict US manufacturing guidelines, we believe our products are better for consumers and for the environment.

We would appreciate your efforts in both protecting US manufacturing companies and jobs while at the same time ensuring that the public has access to reusable bags that not only protect their safety but also minimizes the impact on the environment we share.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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